IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS MARSHALL DIVISION

DOCKET CONTROL ORDER

In accordance with the Scheduling conference held in this case on September 20, 2019, it is hereby **ORDERED** that the following schedule of deadlines is in effect until further order of this Court:

New Deadline	Event
December 7, 2020	*Jury Selection – 9:00 a.m. in Marshall, Texas before Judge Rodney Gilstrap
November 2, 2020	*Pre-Trial Conference – 9:00 a.m. in Marshall , Texas before Judge Roy Payne
October 26, 2020	*Notify Deputy Clerk in Charge regarding the date and time by which juror questionnaires shall be presented to accompany by jury summons if the Parties desire to avail themselves the benefit of using juror questionnaires ¹

¹ The Parties are referred to the Court's Standing Order Regarding Use of Juror Questionnaires in Advance of *Voir Dire*.

New Deadline	Event
October 26, 2020	*Notify Court of Agreements Reached During Meet and Confer
	The parties are ordered to meet and confer on any outstanding objections or motions <i>in limine</i> . The parties shall advise the Court of any agreements reached no later than 1:00 p.m. three (3) business days before the pre-trial conference.
October 26, 2020	*File Joint Pretrial Order, Joint Proposed Jury Instructions, Joint Proposed Verdict Form, Responses to Motions <i>in Limine</i> , Updated Exhibit Lists, Updated Witness Lists, and Updated Deposition Designations
October 19, 2020	*File Notice of Request for Daily Transcript or Real Time Reporting.
	If a daily transcript or real time reporting of court proceedings is requested for trial, the party or parties making said request shall file a notice with the Court and e-mail the Court Reporter, Shelly Holmes, at shelly_holmes@txed.uscourts.gov.
October 13, 2020	File Motions in Limine
	The parties shall limit their motions <i>in limine</i> to issues that if improperly introduced at trial would be so prejudicial that the Court could not alleviate the prejudice by giving appropriate instructions to the jury.
October 13, 2020	Serve Objections to Rebuttal Pretrial Disclosures
October 5, 2020	Serve Objections to Pretrial Disclosures; and Serve Rebuttal Pretrial Disclosures
September 21, 2020	Serve Pretrial Disclosures (Witness List, Deposition Designations, and Exhibit List) by the Party with the Burden of Proof

New Deadline	Event
September 14, 2020	*Response to Dispositive Motions (including <i>Daubert</i> Motions). Responses to dispositive motions that were filed <u>prior</u> to the dispositive motion deadline, including <i>Daubert</i> Motions, shall be due in accordance with Local Rule CV-7(e), not to exceed the deadline as set forth in this Docket Control Order. ² Motions for Summary Judgment shall comply with Local Rule CV-56.
August 31, 2020	*File Motions to Strike Expert Testimony (including <i>Daubert</i> Motions)
	No motion to strike expert testimony (including a <i>Daubert</i> motion) may be filed after this date without leave of the Court.
August 31, 2020	*File Dispositive Motions
	No dispositive motion may be filed after this date without leave of the Court.
	Motions shall comply with Local Rule CV-56 and Local Rule CV-7. Motions to extend page limits will only be granted in exceptional circumstances. Exceptional circumstances require more than agreement among the parties.
August 24, 2020	Deadline to Complete Expert Discovery
August 10, 2020	Serve Disclosures for Rebuttal Expert Witnesses
July 20, 2020	Deadline to Complete Fact Discovery and File Motions to Compel Discovery

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² The parties are directed to Local Rule CV-7(d), which provides in part that "[a] party's failure to oppose a motion in the manner prescribed herein creates a presumption that the party does not controvert the facts set out by movant and has no evidence to offer in opposition to the motion." If the deadline under Local Rule CV 7(e) exceeds the deadline for Response to Dispositive Motions, the deadline for Response to Dispositive Motions controls.

New Deadline	Event
July 20, 2020	Serve Disclosures for Expert Witnesses by the Party with the Burden of Proof
	Final Election of Asserted Prior Art
	Defendant shall serve a Final Election of Asserted Prior Art, which shall assert no more than six prior art references against each patent and not more than a total determined by multiplying the number of Asserted Patents by 5 (e.g., 4 Asserted Patents results in an election of no more than 20 prior art references). For purposes of this Final Election of Asserted Prior Art, each obviousness combination counts as a separate prior art reference.
July 7, 2020	Comply with P.R. 3-7 (Opinion of Counsel Defenses)
July 3, 2020	Final Election of Asserted Claims
	Plaintiff shall serve a Final Election of Asserted Claims, which shall identify no more than five asserted claims per patent from among the ten previously identified claims and no more than a total determined by multiplying the number of Asserted Patents by 4 (e.g., 4 Asserted Patents results in a final election of no more than 16 total claims).
June 25, 2020	*Claim Construction Hearing – 9:00 a.m. in Marshall, Texas before Judge Roy Payne
June 2, 2020	*Comply with P.R. 4-5(d) (Joint Claim Construction Chart)
May 26, 2020	*Comply with P.R. 4-5(c) (Reply Claim Construction Brief)
May 19, 2020	Comply with P.R. 4-5(b) (Responsive Claim Construction Brief)

New Deadline	Event
May 5, 2020	Comply with P.R. 4-5(a) (Opening Claim Construction Brief) and Submit Technical Tutorials (if any)
	Good cause must be shown to submit technical tutorials after the deadline to comply with P.R. 4-5(a).
May 5, 2020	Deadline to Substantially Complete Document Production and Exchange Privilege Logs
	Counsel are expected to make good faith efforts to produce all required documents as soon as they are available and not wait until the substantial completion deadline.
	Preliminary Election of Asserted Prior Art
	Defendant shall serve a Preliminary Election of Asserted Prior Art, which shall assert no more than twelve prior art references against each patent and not more than a total determined by multiplying the number of Asserted Patents by 10 (e.g., 4 Asserted Patents results in an election of no more than 40 prior art references).
April 21, 2020	Comply with P.R. 4-4 (Deadline to Complete Claim Construction Discovery)
	Preliminary Election of Asserted Claims
	Plaintiff shall serve a Preliminary Election of Asserted Claims to each Defendant, which shall assert no more than ten claims from each patent and not more than a total determined by multiplying the number of Asserted Patents multiplied by 8 (e.g., 4 Asserted Patents results in an election of no more than 32 total claims).
April 14, 2020	File Response to Amended Pleadings

New Deadline	Event
March 31, 2020	*File Amended Pleadings
	It is not necessary to seek leave of Court to amend pleadings prior to this deadline unless the amendment seeks to assert additional patents.
March 24, 2020	Comply with P.R. 4-3 (Joint Claim Construction Statement)
March 3, 2020	Comply with P.R. 4-2 (Exchange Preliminary Claim Constructions)
February 11, 2020	Comply with P.R. 4-1 (Exchange Proposed Claim Terms)
November 29, 2019	Comply with Standing Order Regarding Subject- Matter Eligibility Contentions ³
November 29, 2019	Comply with P.R. 3-3 & 3-4 (Invalidity Contentions)
October 25, 2019	*File Proposed Protective Order and Comply with Paragraphs 1 & 3 of the Discovery Order (Initial and Additional Disclosures)
	The Proposed Protective Order shall be filed as a separate motion with the caption indicating whether or not the proposed order is opposed in any part.
October 11, 2019	*File Proposed Docket Control Order and Proposed Discovery Order
	The Proposed Docket Control Order and Proposed Discovery Order shall be filed as separate motions with the caption indicating whether or not the proposed order is opposed in any part.
October 11, 2019	Join Additional Parties

³_http://www.txed.uscourts.gov/sites/default/files/judgeFiles/EDTX%20Standing%20Order%20Re%20Subject%20Matter%20Eligibility%20Contentions%20.pdf

New Deadline	Event
October 4, 2019	Comply with P.R. 3-1 & 3-2 (Infringement Contentions)

(*) indicates a deadline that cannot be changed without showing good cause. Good cause is not shown merely by indicating that the parties agree that the deadline should be changed.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

<u>Mediation:</u> While certain cases may benefit from mediation, such may not be appropriate for every case. The Court finds that the Parties are best suited to evaluate whether mediation will benefit the case after the issuance of the Court's claim construction order. Accordingly, the Court **ORDERS** the Parties to file a Joint Notice indicating whether the case should be referred for mediation <u>within fourteen days of the issuance of the Court's claim construction order</u>. As a part of such Joint Notice, the Parties should indicate whether they have a mutually agreeable mediator for the Court to consider. If the Parties disagree about whether mediation is appropriate, the Parties should set forth a brief statement of their competing positions in the Joint Notice.

<u>Motions</u>: For each motion, the moving party shall provide the Court with two (2) hard copies of the completed briefing (opening motion, response, reply, and if applicable, sur-reply), excluding exhibits, in D-three-ring binders, appropriately tabbed. All documents shall be single-sided and must include the CM/ECF header. These copies shall be delivered to the Court within three (3) business days after briefing has completed. For expert-related motions, complete digital copies of the relevant expert report(s) and accompanying exhibits shall be submitted on a single flash drive to the Court. Complete digital copies of the expert report(s) shall be delivered to the Court no later than the dispositive motion deadline.

<u>Indefiniteness</u>: In lieu of early motions for summary judgment, the parties are directed to include any arguments related to the issue of indefiniteness in their *Markman* briefing, subject to the local rules' normal page limits.

<u>Motions for Continuance</u>: The following excuses will not warrant a continuance nor justify a failure to comply with the discovery deadline:

- (a) The fact that there are motions for summary judgment or motions to dismiss pending;
- (b) The fact that one or more of the attorneys is set for trial in another court on the same day, unless the other setting was made prior to the date of this order or was made as a special provision for the parties in the other case;
- (c) The failure to complete discovery prior to trial, unless the parties can demonstrate that it was impossible to complete discovery despite their good faith effort to do so.

Amendments to the Docket Control Order ("DCO"): Any motion to alter any date on the DCO shall take the form of a motion to amend the DCO. The motion to amend the DCO

shall include a proposed order that lists all of the remaining dates in one column (as above) and the proposed changes to each date in an additional adjacent column (if there is no change for a date the proposed date column should remain blank or indicate that it is unchanged). In other words, the DCO in the proposed order should be complete such that one can clearly see all the remaining deadlines and the changes, if any, to those deadlines, rather than needing to also refer to an earlier version of the DCO.

Proposed DCO: The Parties' Proposed DCO should also follow the format described above under "Amendments to the Docket Control Order ('DCO')."

SIGNED this 18th day of October, 2019.

ROY S. PAYNE

UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE